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SUBJ: DRUG ADVISOR FOR COLOMBO PLAN

1. AT COLOMBO PLAN COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 22 ( DETAILS BY AIRGRAM), THERE WAS EXTENDED DISCUSSION RE DRUG ADVISOR POSITION.

2. AFTER COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU DIRECTOR CONNELLY STATED THAT TWO CANDIDATES HAD BEEN FORMALLY PROPOSED, ONE FROM PHILIPPINES, OTHER FROM PAKISTAN, AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER MARSHALL SAID HE UNDERSTOOD INDONESIA WAS PROPOSING CANDIDATE AND ANNOUNCED AUSTRALIA PLANNED SUPPORT HIM. INDONESIA AMB SOEKIRMAN, WITH SOME EMBARRASSMENT, SAID HE HAD NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED WORD FROM JAKARTA RE INDONESIA CANDIDATE.

3. INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER COELHO, IN APPARENT DELAYING TACTIC, CONTENDED THAT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR DRUG ADVISOR WERE VAGUE, PERIOD OF HIS TENURE WAS INDEFINITE, AND HIS PROPOSED FUNCTIONS SEEMED TO OVERLAP THOSE OF DRUG SPECIALISTS IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. AMB VAN HOLLEN EMPHASIZED DECISION TO ESTABLISH DRUG ADVISOR HAD BEEN AGREED AT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN NEW DELHI AND RECALLED THAT AS FAR BACK AS DECEMBER CONNELLY HAD CIRCULATED MEMORANDUM SPECIFYING REQUIREMENTS FOR JOB AND REQUESTING NOMINATIONS. NOTING DRUG ADVISOR WAS EXPECTED TO BE IN PLACE IN TIME TO PRESENT REPORT TO CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN WELLINGTON, AMBASSADOR STRESSED NEED TO MOVE PROMPTLY ON SELECTION.

4. AT CONCLUSION DISCUSSION, IT WAS INITIALLY PROPOSED THAT CONSIDERATION OF DRUG ADVISOR BE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL WHICH WOULD BE HELD SOMETIME IN JUNE. COUNCIL, HOWEVER, EVENTUALLY ENDORSED SRI LANKA PROPOSAL, SECONDED BY US, THAT SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL BE CONVENED TO CONSIDER DRUG ADVISOR ISSUE.

5. COMMENT: IN VIEW APPARENT FOOT- DRAGGING EFFORT BY INDIANS, WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST FROM DEPT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE TO COUNTER INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER'S ALLEGATIONS. IT WOULD HELP IF WE COULD STATE SPECIFICALLY THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WE ENVISAGE FUNDING DRUG ADVISOR FOR TWO YEAR PERIOD, WITH

OPTION OF ADDITIONAL EXTENSION OF ONE YEAR ( DRAFT GRANT AGREE-  
MENT DEALS ONLY WITH CURRENT YEAR). IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL  
TO HAVE FURTHER DETAILS RE HIS RESPONSIBILITIES ( BEYOND  
THOSE SET FORTH BY U. S. REPRESENTATIVE AT NEW DELHI) AND  
MATERIAL TO COUNTER ALLEGATION THAT DRUG ADVISOR FUNCTIONS  
WILL OVERLAP RESPONSIBILITIES OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONS.

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